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Draft report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the 2015 substantive session

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 68/277, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/68/19), decided that the Committee, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in that field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 2015 session at United Nations Headquarters from 17 February to 13 March 2015 and held five plenary meetings.

3. The session was opened by the President of the General Assembly. At the 239th (opening) meeting, on 17 February, the President of the General Assembly and the Deputy Secretary-General made statements.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.

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B. Election of officers

5. At its 239th meeting, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:
Ms. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairs:
Mr. Mateo Estreme (Argentina)
Mr. Michael Grant (Canada)
Mr. Hiroshi Ishikawa (Japan)
Mr. Jacek Stochel (Poland)

Rapporteur:
Mr. Amr Aljowaily (Egypt)

C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.121/2015/L.1), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. General debate.
6. In-session briefings.
7. Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole.
8. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session.
9. Other matters.

7. The Committee also approved its draft programme of work (A/AC.121/2015/L.2/Rev.1).

D. Organization of work

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided to establish a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Michael Grant (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

9. Also at its 239th meeting, the Committee agreed that certain sections and subsections contained in the report on the 2014 substantive session (A/68/19) would be negotiated in the Working Group of the Whole and that those sections and subsections that were not being negotiated in 2015 would be technically updated.

10. The composition of the Committee at its 2015 session is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of documents for the session is contained in

A/AC.121/2015/INF/2, and the list of participants at the session is contained in A/AC.121/2015/INF/4.

E. Proceedings of the Committee

11. At its 239th to 242nd meetings, on 17 and 18 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, then in a national capacity), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the stabilization and association process country Bosnia and Herzegovina; and, in addition, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), India, Switzerland, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Georgia, Jamaica, Guatemala, Peru, Norway, Brazil, Mexico, Malaysia, Malawi, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kazakhstan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Zambia, Japan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Kenya, Cuba, Algeria, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Serbia, Egypt, Rwanda, Nepal, Senegal, El Salvador, Tunisia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Armenia, Uruguay, Jordan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States of America, Argentina, South Africa, Colombia, the Republic of Korea, the Sudan and Myanmar.

12. Statements were also made by the observers of the International Organization of la Francophonie and the African Union.

13. On 19, 20, 23 and 27 February, the Working Group of the Whole heard briefings. On 19 February, a briefing was given on operational field issues. On 20 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Assistant Secretary-General and Acting Head of the Department of Field Support made presentations and engaged in an interactive session. On 23 February, there was a briefing on the report of the Expert Panel on Technology and Innovation in United Nations Peacekeeping. On 27 February, a briefing was given on the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations.

14. The Working Group of the Whole and its four subworking groups met from 2 to 13 March and concluded their work on draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

15. At its 243rd meeting, on 13 March, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole and decided to include its recommendations in the present report (see paras. 17-[ ]) for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly as introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

17. [*to be inserted*]

Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Members: The Special Committee currently consists of the following 151 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Observers: Latvia, Panama, South Sudan, Holy See, African Union, European Union, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Police Organization, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Sovereign Military Order of Malta.